

BELDING BOYS ARE THERE AND READY TO GO "OVER THE TOP"

HUGO FALES WRITES PARENTS HE HAS BEEN IN MIDST OF TWO BIG BATTLES.

June 16, 1918.

Dear Mother and Father:

Once again I am in a position to write more often than I have of late. I just received your letter of May 12 and was sure glad to get it, in fact I haven't received very much mail lately. I did receive the package from Mr. Hetherington and I feel rather guilty for not writing him sooner but will do so in a few days. The package contained the cake and cocoa has never arrived as yet but I sure have hopes. It is rather hard to get help in Canada on account of the war; who is working the land up there this year? I haven't written Mrs. Widdicombe as yet. I am sure it would be almost impossible to get to see her as we are not allowed to roam around a great deal in the war zone. We have been hitting on all eight lately and have been doing very nicely good work. We have also been very fortunate as we haven't lost a single man up to date. Sturgis sent his father a cable the other day and I enclosed a few words for Palmer. He will wire you same. I have just been sent to school once more; have been there three days now. It is an automobile school run by the French army. It is the best school in France of its kind; they take up every make of car in every detail. It sure is fine. I am living high now, we have wonderful food and the white sheets and good beds make a fellow homesick. The instructors are French officers and they speak very good English. Eugene Sturgis just finished this school and now has a commission; he has been together most of the time since we have been over here. You ask if I had been at the front. I sure have been right in the midst of the two last big battles and have seen a whole lot of action. In fact I haven't been anything since I have been over here so far. You ask if it wouldn't be a good plan for you to keep my insurance policy for me. I have never received one. I think those are all kept for us in Washington. Will close for this time.

From your affectionate son, Hugo.

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"DON'T SWAP HOSSES WHILE CROSSING RIVER"

County Clerk George W. Moulton was in the city yesterday on business and also visiting his relatives and friends here for the day. It seems that George is going to have some opposition for the nomination for the office of county clerk this year from the ranks of his own party, which fact looks out of place when it is almost a certainty that the democracy of the county will place no one against Mr. Moulton in case he is renominated for the office. Looking into the matter somewhat and talking with both democrats and republicans who are of the opinion that this year is no year to change the affairs of the county clerk's office from the hands of an efficient veteran over to the hands of some inexperienced novice. Practically all with whom the writer talked were in favor of retaining Mr. Moulton in the office and we talked with democrats who would be opposed to any republican under ordinary circumstances. We talked with democrats and republicans who would be opposed on the "third term" idea. But the upmost thought in the minds of the men with whom we talked was that the office of county clerk, having as much of the welfare of the nation in hand as it has at present through the part it takes as a part of the war board, should not be changed from old, known, tried and experienced hands and mind to a newcomer, whose inefficient methods of conducting the business of the county clerk's office might change it from order to chaos. In other words, "Don't swap horses while crossing the river," but wait with changing county clerks until after the war. Mr. Moulton is needed right where he is.

Don Bailey Injured.

Don Bailey was slightly injured in an auto accident near Grand Rapids Thursday afternoon when the Dodge truck in which he was riding with William DeVieger, left the road and struck a pole. Don was taken to the hospital where facial bruises and cuts and a number of sprained ligaments in his arm treated. DeVieger escaped unhurt but the auto was damaged considerably.

Sergt. Wilbur Smith Is After Huns.

Mrs. Wilbur Smith, formerly Alta E. Hall of Chadwick, received several letters from her husband, Sergt. Wilbur Smith somewhere in France, last week, stating he is well and on the move after the Huns. Sergt. Smith assisted in the recruiting office at Grand Rapids and came here to look up recruits a year ago. He spoke of the Belding boys who went across the sea with him, Lee Holcomb, Floyd Pierson, C. Van Horn, Mike Hogan and Mr. Birch, all of whom were O. K. and feeling fine. Sergt. Smith wants to be remembered to all his friends.

Justice Court Doings.

Justice E. B. Lapham's court was occupied Monday with the cases of James H. Mead and William R. Ward vs. William and Carrie Hatton. Mead, who lives near Lowell sued for the value of a lumber wagon which he claimed the Hattons had in their possession and would not deliver up on demand. After hearing the testimony the court gave a judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$30 and costs.

In the Ward case the latter sued for labor performed on a wood cutting contract in which he and the Hattons were interested. Lapham wrote for the Hattons that there was a balance due him of \$53.75. In the progress of the case it was shown that the Hattons had endorsed a bank note for \$42.00 with Ward as first payment on a land contract which had not been paid by Ward. The court reserved judgment and decision of the case four days.

Errors Will Happen.

In our class field section for a number of weeks back we have been running an item tending of a 120-acre farm for sale over the signature of Fred A. Gleason. The price in the advertisement has been \$17,500 while it should have been \$7,500—only a small matter of \$10,000 difference but which we want to clear up, at that.

MRS. M. A. REED'S ADOPTED SOLDIER SON WRITES LETTER

FEELS HURT TO THINK SOME PEOPLE CANNOT THINK OF HIM AS TRUE BLUE.

Somewhere in France, May 19, 1918.

My Dear Mother:

Your dear letter just received and thank you for it. They are many reasons why I cannot write to you as often as I wish; our time is occupied and stationery is being difficult to get. You may imagine why. I am enjoying myself very much and amusing my friends by talking French to these kind hearted French people. I've picked the language up gradually—it comes rather easy to me as I can already speak several other languages—what I cannot say in words, I say with my hands. You say, dear Mother you would like to publish another of my letters. I am afraid you would disappoint the good people of Belding for I am unable to write of the things they would most like to read, but it would give me a chance to thank them all who sent me Christmas cards and many fine gifts.

Belding should be noticed on the map as a town of patriots because as much as I have traveled I have never seen their like.

I have invested in Liberty bonds so as to save for the future. The German machine cripple me bodily but not spiritually.

I am glad, Mother, dear, you work for the beloved Red Cross because without the Red Cross over here a soldier boy would be as a lost sheep. It seems strange that some people work so hard for our cause, and others are idle.

You speak of sending me candy; please do not; many boxes have been sent but none reached their destination. I am comfortable without candy but where we are candy cannot be gotten. These people eat their bread and have long ago given up the idea of such extravagance as candy.

You can perhaps send me some for next Christmas and I will give it to the little French children. Goodbye candy, ice cream and shows; some day we will again enjoy them.

When I say I never felt happier or better in my life it's not because of the censor. They will permit us to express our real feelings as long as we do not express our location, so do not worry about your boy.

If God wishes us to remain here and experience a winter with our brave allies then we can surely stand it as many before us have stood it. If I had been brought up in a palace back of silk curtains and silk pillows, from such a standpoint the situation might seem grave, but I am only an every day young man.

You speak of arguing my case regarding my German birth—that Mrs. says there are no born Germans who are loyal Americans. It is needless to say that it wounded my pride. Please ask why I enlisted. I am as yet only 22 and only 19 when I enlisted for service in Mexico. I could now be earning a salary of \$40 per week as manager of an Elks' club where I came from, which is more than I get a month now. I feel sorry for those who consider me disloyal and it hurts, but I will say, "Smile, smile, smile awhile, etc." I am a foreigner did not have to be drafted. I am proud of that. But I will try to forgive and say there have been many disloyal American-Germans and they cast reflections upon the characters of the loyal ones. Everyone here does not doubt me and after all we must stick together as never before—Italians, Greeks, Germans and all others, because we are all wearing the khaki uniform of the United States. We are wearing it to maintain and uphold freedom and liberty. Our favorite song now is: There is a long, long trail winding into No-Man's Land in France; Where the shrapnel shells are bursting. There are lots of drills and hiking. Until our dreams all come true; But we are going to show the Kaiser How the Yankee boys go through.

It is sung to the tune of "There is a Long, Long Trail A-Winding." Corporal Singer of Muskegon introduced it to our company quartette and it has made a great hit throughout the 126th. I beg to remain the friend of the good people of Belding and dear Mother, please let not the shadow of my foreign birth come between you and me.

A bunch of newspapers would be a luxury to me and many others. I remain your loving soldier boy, Corporal James F. Peterson, Co. I, 126th Inf., A. E. F., via New York.

Somewhere in the U. S. A.



SUGAR RATIONING WILL ALLOW OF 3 POUNDS MONTHLY

THAT AMOUNT PER CAPITA IS 100 PER CENT MORE THAN ALLIES' FOLKS GET.

Regulations for carrying out new regulations upon sugar consumption by commercial users, effective July 1, were made public by the food administration June 27. The new restrictions in sight for the six months beginning July 1 will be on the basis of three pounds per capita monthly in order to supply the needs of the allies and of the American troops. The apportionment is about double the compulsory sugar ration of England, France and Italy. Commercial users of sugar will receive their supply under a certificate system. No manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer will be permitted to sell sugar to anyone except to householders unless a certificate issued by the local administrator is presented. Local retailers may sell no more than two pounds at one time to a town customer nor more than five pounds at one time to a country customer.

Food administration officials are working on details of a ration card by which they will enforce the three-pounds-a-month rule.

The new rationing regulations are effective July 1. Every manufacturer will be required to certify his needs to the food administration before he can obtain sugar.

Only the following products will get their full amount of sugar under the new rule:

Canned fruits, canned vegetables, explosives, meats, catsup, chili sauce, drugs for medical purposes, apple butter, packers of preserved fruits, mince meats, glycerine, insecticides, capsules and rat poison.

Reduction of less essential manufactured products, including sweet drinks, to 50 per cent of their normal sugar requirements.

Cutting of ice cream manufacturers to 75 per cent of their normal amount of sugar.

Under the less essential class which will get only half its sugar requirements, instead of 80 per cent as now, Hoover has included:

Barrooms, brewers, cough drops, dental preparations, dessert powders, druggists who buy sugar for reducing concentrated syrups, honey manufacturers, hotel bars, ginger ale, glue, grape juice, ice cream cones, ice cream powder, jelly powder, marshmallows, malted milk, maple syrup, compounds, molasses and syrups, patent medicines, pickles, rollers for printing presses, table syrup, vinegar and whisky.

Soda fountains are hard hit by the new regulations. They are reduced to 50 per cent.

Ice cream has formerly been allowed unlimited use of sugar, but after July 1 only 75 per cent will be allowed and where ice cream is manufactured on the premises of any dispenser it will come under the 50 per cent limitation.

This part of the ruling will hit both of the local ice cream parlors, as they manufacture their own ice cream.

The strain on America to provide sugar for the allies is increasing. Only strict conservation will enable food administrators to provide requirements without being forced to more drastic steps—and further increases in prices.

Sugar bought for canning purposes must not be used for serving fresh fruits, apple sauce or for any other of the numerous household purposes. The three pounds per month capitation ruling must be used for these purposes.

Any person violating any of these regulations is subject to a heavy penalty or imprisonment in a federal penitentiary.

Let's All Play "Injun."

H. J. Connell, the Rexall druggist, has an advertisement of exceptional interest to the boys and girls of the city, on page five of this issue in which he says he will give away absolutely free, some highly colored, splendid headgear. Children turn to page five and read Mr. Connell's advertisement and then be on hand Saturday promptly on time.

TEACHING STAFF FOR NEXT YEAR IS NOW COMPLETE

S. J. SKINNER OF ANN ARBOR HEADS LIST—IS HIGHLY EFFICIENT MAN.

The board of education has practically completed the list of teachers for the local schools. The only exception and vacancy being in the position of assistant teacher in the fifth grade, which is as yet vacant. S. J. Skinner, who comes to this city as superintendent of schools from now on, is a man who is very well qualified in the work ahead of him. Mr. Skinner is one of those fellows whom it is a pleasure to meet, a good sociable fellow, a good mixer and a

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man who will be warmly welcomed here. He is at present informing himself, through a practical application to this study, of the real educational needs of the laboring people.

The list of instructors and teachers is as follows:

S. J. Skinner, supt.	\$2,200.00
L. Hockstad, principal	1,600.00
Walter Deming, science	1,100.00
Frank Donovan, commercial	1,000.00
Z. W. Storrs, agriculture	1,500.00
Ruth Bleckink, English	800.00
Naomi Gooding, manual training	1,000.00
Muriel Fortune, Latin and French	875.00
Mary Underwood, mathematics and English	850.00
Olga Fern Little, English	850.00
Elizabeth Raynor, music and drawing	750.00
Sara Giddings, domestic art and science	800.00
Edna Biss, eighth grade	700.00
Ula Grace, seventh grade	750.00
Evelyn Bowen, seventh and eighth assistants	675.00
Agnes Doyle, sixth grade	725.00
Sarah Helmick, fifth grade	725.00
Kittie M. Engel, sixth grade	675.00
Magdalene DePore, fourth grade	700.00
Winifred Wilson, third and fourth grades	650.00
Grace E. Morrison, third grade	700.00
Fairy Mount, principal third and fourth grades	725.00
Stella Wilson, second grade	700.00
Lillian Davidson, first grade	650.00
Georgia Ellery (Mrs.) kindergarten	650.00
Sarah L. Hopwood, principal and second grade	725.00
Mary L. Briggs, first grade	650.00
Hazel M. Fortune, kindergarten	650.00
Bertha Robinson	700.00

DRUNKS RAN HEAVY IN JULY PROSECUTOR'S REPORT

Prosecuting Attorney J. Clyde Watt has just made public his report for the first six months of this year. It shows that drunkenness leads in all other crimes and lawlessness by a great majority. It will be an interesting comparison to hold this report and place it alongside of the report of the prosecutor for the last half of this year, for during the first four months of 1918, the Iowa prosecutor's office handled many a case of drunkenness which was due to booze being brought in from adjoining counties and which was stopped on May 1 when state-wide prohibition went into effect.

The report shows a total of 312 convictions out of 321 cases handled. No acquittals are chalked up against the prosecutor's record. One case was dismissed on payment of costs, six cases nolleprossed and two settled out of court. The detailed list follows:

Charge	Procs.	Conv.
Cruelty to animals	2	28
Assault and battery	29	1
Bastardy	1	1
Breaking into house in day	1	1
Disorderliness	1	1
Drunkenness	143	143
Non-support of family	3	2
Non-support and leaving state	1	1
Vagrancy	6	6
Unclassified	10	10
Pe se pre-tenses	2	2
Crime and fit laws	1	1
Hunting with ferrets	3	3
Health law violation	1	1
Defrauding boarding house keeper	8	8
Indecency	28	26
Larceny	1	1
From the person	2	2
Simple	32	70
Grand larceny	1	1
Local option law violation	1	1
Misors, permitting to gamble	1	1
Motor vehicle law—Speed	16	16
Not displaying number	4	4
Driving while intoxicated	1	1
Motor cycle law	1	1
Murder, threats	1	1
Exciting disturbance	1	1
Violation of prohibition	1	1
Violation of probation	1	1
Stealing rifle on railroad	13	13
Drinking on train	4	4
Robbery, being armed	1	1
Search warrant issued	1	1

Church Held Picnic.

The Congregational Sunday school picnic in the park Tuesday afternoon where 50 or more spent a few hours very pleasantly. The children especially enjoyed the occasion and outing. The coming together at this time was given as a farewell greeting to Miss Clara Moulton who has been the efficient superintendent of the school for the past two years, she with her sister, Mrs. Emma Lamb, leave this week for Los Angeles, Cal., to reside. At the close of a fine supper she was presented by Mrs. E. B. Lapham in behalf of the school with a neat manicure set. Both Miss Moulton and Mrs. Lamb will be greatly missed from the church and social activities of the city.

He Got His Man.

Undersheriff Mark Hoppough and Deputy Will Marquette returned on Monday morning from Greensboro, Ky., where they had gone to get a fellow named Miller, who stole an automobile from Elmer Cowan of Ionia several weeks ago. Undersheriff Hoppough says that he has been trailing the fellow and finally located him at Greensboro where he was held by officers for the theft of the car. Mark and his prisoner occupied the rear seat of the car coming back and Deputy Marquette drove and Mark says that on the trip, which lasted from Friday morning until Monday morning, he never saw better crops. Everything seemed to be just about as good as could be.

W. S. S. DRIVE QUOTA SLOWLY ON THE RAISE

HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVASS BEING MADE AND EVERYONE WILL BE CALLED UPON.

The War Savings Stamp Drive quota of more than \$55,000 in pledges is slowly nearing its quota, the last report being that the sum had reached nearly \$48,000. The entire amount to be raised in this country is something like two billions and this amount must be raised by December 1, when the drive ends.

The idea of selling thrift stamps, we understand, was taken from France where for many years past, even in peace times, the people were given an opportunity of investing very small amounts, even as low as one franc, in French government stamps bearing a very low rate of interest.

This plan was found to work wonderfully well, and the French people became known as the greatest money "saver" in the world. Instead of selling so many bonds the French government sold thrift stamps. It tended to bring the government closer to the people. All could and did, buy thrift stamps, whereas they could not have bought bonds.

The thrift stamp campaign will close Dec. 1, by which time the people will doubtless have taken the entire \$2,000,000,000 worth of stamps offered. If the war continues as now looks probable, doubtless another campaign will follow.

Thrift Stamps and War Certificates make an ideal way for people of small means to save money and get a good rate of interest while they are saving. The government asks all buyers to hold their certificates for the full five years, or until January 1, 1923, when they will net the holder over 4 per cent interest, computed quarterly. In case anyone becomes hard pressed and has to have the money, these War Certificates can be taken to the postoffice and you will get your money back with interest at the rate of about 3 per cent per annum.

Hundreds of little children in Belding are saving their pennies, nickels and dimes to buy Thrift Stamps. If we could know the share the children had taken in these stamps, the amount would be surprisingly large. The best lesson of all of this, as well as for the older people, is the lesson of "thrift" and patriotic sacrifice for the benefit of the country.

A house to house canvass is being made in the three wards of the city and the quota is hoped to be raised. Canvassers are meeting in many cases with the cooperation of the people whom they solicit for purchases, while in other instances, people who are more than abundantly able to take several hundred or a thousand dollars' worth of the bonds have not done so and cases of this kind must be reported to headquarters and will be taken care of later.

Whisky and Gas Don't Mix.

An automobile driven by A. B. Mitchell, containing besides himself, A. M. Gillis, a lot of fishing tackle and a half pnt bottle of whisky came down Bridge street from the south at 5:50 o'clock and when it reached the curb on the north side of Main street it jumped up on the sidewalk, narrowly missed a big heavy electric pole and shot across the street, crashing into a big automobile owned by M. Les Heath of Detroit. Mitchell was driving and claimed his brakes would not work. Mitchell appeared to be fairly well under the influence of intoxicating liquors and the two men were locked up in jail until about 10 o'clock that night when friends of theirs from Ionia, interested for them, secured their release. They were back again Friday morning and when Mitchell was arraigned in Judge Lapham's court on a charge of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquors, he stood mute, as did his companion, who was arraigned on a charge of drunk and disorderly. The case comes up for final settlement again on Friday, July 26. The warrant against Gillis on a drunk and disorderly charge is undoubtedly a mistake as he showed no signs of having been drunk and was far from showing effects of drinking or being disorderly. Both of the men were very anxious to square matters and did everything they could to right the damages. Alfred R. Locke of Ionia has been retained by the men as attorney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Peckins of Lyons and Dr. and Mrs. Warford of Lansing, were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Burris.

Invents New Sprayer.

Ray Hubbard has brought forth a new water sprayer which when attached to a hose and city water pressure applied knocks the spots off from anything so far produced in the same line that Ray is going to have it patented if he possibly can. Ray has tried the contraption out and it will produce and distribute a more even spray than anything he has yet seen. He went to Grand Rapids Tuesday to consult a patent attorney regarding the future of the invention.

Broke Arm Cranking Car.

Lawrence, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Currie, of South Bridge street, broke his right forearm this morning when attempting to crank up the light Saxon truck which his father uses in his work. The little fellow has never had any trouble before in cranking the machine until this morning when it kicked back like a government mule and broke the bones.

Help!

The editor would like to take a trip down to Lansing soon and of course would like a little spending money and would appreciate it if the subscribers would come across with the kale before he leaves.

LOCAL MAN'S NAME FIRST TO BE PULLED OUT OF BOX IN LAST DRAFT LOTTERY.

Sam Kane, a local man and one of the fellows who showed the age of 21 between June 5, 1917 and the same date this year was the first man to have his name drawn in the recent draft lottery and when the time comes he will be the first one called in the list of men as given below.

The number printed before the registrant's name is his registered number and the names are printed in the order in which their calls will succeed each other:

- 154—Samuel Kane, Belding.
- 10—Harold R. McKendry, Ionia.
- 29—Elter C. Rhoades, Ionia.
- 17—Cleon Creighton, Portland.
- 74—Lewis J. Morrison, Ionia.
- 136—Charles Roman Patrick, Clarksville.
- 145—Victor M. Steckle.
- 57—Maylord J. Richardson, Clarksville.
- 76—Samuel Tencate, Clarksville.
- 78—Floyd E. Bishop, Sunfield.
- 122—Stanley W. Smith, Ionia.
- 87—Frank H. Harkness, Ionia.
- 177—Clayton J. Carey, Ionia.
- 4—George Crosby, Ionia.
- 130—Clare Lapo, Lake Odessa.
- 70—John C. Haffner, Ionia.
- 108—James A. Leis, Hubbardston.
- 28—Eddie L. Eldridge, Lake Odessa.
- 89—Ernest Volpintesta, Ionia.
- 151—Denzel Snow, Belding.
- 90—Leo L. Matzner, Portland.
- 65—Chas. W. Jack, Ionia.
- 125—Riley E. Keefe, Lyons.
- 45—Glenn D. Hooper, Ionia.
- 72—Leo Smith, Ionia.
- 135—Clarence M. Tasker, Lake Odessa.
- 61—Floyd J. Rier, Ionia.
- 91—Robert M. Darling, Ionia.
- 51—Ralph M. Wilson, Belding.
- 63—Lee L. Basom, Ionia.
- 41—Clarence Rich, Belding.
- 84—Glenn Morris, Orleans.
- 32—Guy R. Johnson, Ionia.
- 66—Russell F. Blackman, Portland.
- 16—Harry Young, Ionia.
- 191—Howard W. Jepson, Ionia.
- 153—John W. Mchase, Belding.
- 82—Dan L. Archer, Lake Odessa.
- 147—Floyd D. Joslin, Belding.
- 55—Roy Clayton Ward, Lyons.
- 33—George W. Whitchell, Ionia.
- 56—Rufus D. Lindley, Ionia.
- 102—Leslie K. Huffman, Portland.
- 48—George G. Bricker, Belding.
- 13—Leo J. Ritterdorf, Smyrna.
- 57—Chas. E. Belding, Belding.
- 64—Cecil T. McCoy, Portland.
- 168—Howard Townsend, Pewamo.
- 137—Herbert L. Avery, Portland.
- 155—Stuart Sloan, Saranac.
- 158—Clyde Johnson, Belding.
- 11—James E. Cowman, Hubbardston.
- 68—Ray M. Cross, Portland.
- 35—Roy H. Clark, Ionia.
- 113—Ernest W. Pung, Portland.
- 62—Chester V. Giddings, Lake Odessa.
- 18—Carl Gierman, Lake Odessa.
- 54—Irving F. Avery, Ionia.
- 81—George C. Daly, Belding.
- 173—Ben H. Briggs, Portland.
- 148—Frederick A. Galt, Ionia.
- 184—Percy C. Davis, Ionia.
- 88—Romeo Galassi, Ionia.
- 188—Winthrop Kimball, Lyons.
- 114—Chas. Brooks, Lake Odessa.
- 39—John H. Dehn, Belding.
- 30—Harry O. Burke, Ionia.
- 119—Harold A. Salver, Palo.
- 187—Harry M. Jacobs, Ionia.
- 105—Ernest E. Bisher, Portland.
- 98—Wm. Steele, Ionia.
- 45—Norwood Cranston, Hubbardston.
- 25—Harry Myers, Ionia.
- 58—Lester E. Lammpan, Ionia.
- 12—Wm. S. Drier, Smyrna.
- 34—Frank J. Humphreys, Ionia.
- 149—Ernest E. Osborn, Saranac.
- 112—Wilbur D. Brooks, Saranac.
- 95—Thos. A. Dutcher, Portland.
- 77—Cecil Schlosser, Ionia.
- 466—Fay M. Link, Ionia.
- 8—Foster Lake, Shiloh.
- 107—Hazen P. Joslyn, Ionia.
- 93—Vern Sturges, Ionia.
- 99—Harry Cramer, Ionia.
- 190—Samuel A. Dagen.
- 131—Roy W. Clark, Lake Odessa.
- 123—Wellington Gardner, Ionia.

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Cust. Boys Want Games.

We are in receipt of the following letter which is self-explanatory:

The Base Hospital baseball club would like to arrange games with any fast uniformed teams in the state for Sunday dates in August and September.

The medical boys have been playing fine ball this season in the camp league race which is now ended and they are anxious to tackle some independent talent, games to be played away from the camp. For information with regard to arrangements for games address Sergeant Joseph Decker, Base Hospital Detachment, Camp Custer, Mich.

It's Captain Biss Now.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Biss received a telegram Monday morning to the effect that their son, Lieut. W. A. Biss of Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., had been promoted from lieutenant to captain and the good news was very pleasing to them as it will be to Capt. Biss' friends here. Prior to his entering the army Capt. Biss was holding a position on a Kalamazoo newspaper.

Open Air Union Meetings.

July 21—Rev. Edward Humphrey, speaker; Rev. J. Fred Iulig, chairman.

July 28—Rev. J. Fred Iulig, speaker; Rev. P. R. Norton, chairman.

August 4—Rev. W. A. Biss, speaker; Don Cook, chairman.

August 11—Rev. P. R. Norton, speaker; Rev. W. A. Biss, chairman.

August 18—Church of Christ.

August 25—Congregational church.

Orlo Morse is treasurer of the Union association.

An ignorant man is a merciless critic.